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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the Center for Philosophic Exchange was to bring together members of the academic community and the world of public affairs for deliberative exchange and discussion of problems in order to further the purpose of increasing public understanding and appreciation of the roles that philosophy and the humanities play in matters of ultimate public concern. To this end, five conferences on philosophy and related topics were conducted during 1969-70, and television tapes and printed proceedings produced. This report discusses the speakers and topics of these conferences and the plans for 1971. (AF)

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Terminal Report

to the

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

November 30, 1970

Institution:	State University of New York College at Brockport
Project Director:	Howard E. Kiefer Dean of Humanities
Project Title:	Program for the Center for Philosophic Exchange
Grant Number:	EO-26-70-3735
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Program for the Center for Philosophic Exchange

A Report to the

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

November 30, 1970

The 1969-1970 program for the Center for Philosophic Exchange was supported by the State University of New York through the College at Brockport, New York, the Xerox Corporation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Rochester Telephone Corporation, the Lincoln Rochester Trust Company, Duryea Motors, Inc., and the University Inn of Brockport, in addition to the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant provided by the National Endowment totaled $10,000, of which $5,000 were matching funds raised by the Center. The Xerox Corporation donated $1,000, and the Faculty Student Association acted as the collection agency for $4,000 received from other donors as follows: The Rockefeller Foundation, $2,500; Rochester Telephone Corporation, $500; the Lincoln Rochester Trust Company, $500; Duryea Motors, Inc., $250; the University Inn of Brockport, $250.

The Center produced five conferences during the course of the academic year which brought philosophers and other academicians to the Brockport campus for the reading of papers, discussions with students and faculty members, and the making of television tapes. The major papers and responses were published as part of the *Annual Proceedings* of the Center, two copies of which are forwarded herewith. Five one-hour television tapes were made as part of the five conferences, in which the major participants

engaged in unrehearsed discussion of major issues arising from the papers and related discussions which were a part of the conferences.

Significant in the program was the inclusion of "practitioners" from the related disciplines, depending upon the topic of concern. This process was a part of the International Philosophy Year format, which was employed at all fourteen conferences conducted by the International Philosophy Year program during the 1967-1968 academic year on the Brockport campus. Men of public affairs, academicians from areas other than philosophy, and other interested persons were active participants in that program, both formally and informally. The rationale for such participation assumes that philosophy, in order to have an appropriate impact on the humanities and related disciplines, must submit itself to the discipline of criticism from persons whose primary concern lies in areas outside of the philosophical enterprise. That is to say, academicians and responsible persons related to the problems and issues with which philosophy deals must have a suitable voice in the consideration of theoretical philosophical estimates and recommendations concerning the analysis and the future direction proposed by those who concern themselves with the basic issues involved.

At the first conference of the academic year, on Philosophy and Education, Dr. Fred Harcleroad, Professor of Education at Iowa University and President of the American College Testing Program, drew upon his long experience as a college president at Hayward, California in participating in discussions with philosophers

Henry David Aiken of Brandeis University and Sidney Hook of New York University. In the conference on the Scientific Enterprise and Social Conscience, the distinguished biologist and physician Dr. Robert Morison was a major participant in discussions with philosophers Abraham Edel of City University of New York and Max Black of Cornell University.

For the conference on Philosophy and Literature, the major participants responding to *The Coinage of Man: King Lear and Camus' Stranger* by philosopher Morris Weitz of Brandeis University included Francis Sparshott of Toronto University, both a philosopher and well-known poet, and Marshall Cohen of Rockefeller University, a professional philosopher who has served as drama critic for the *Partisan Review*. Lawyer Graham Hughes, Professor of Law at New York University Law School, was a major participant at the session on Philosophy and Politics, and responded to the chief paper delivered. This approach to philosophic exchange between philosopher and practitioner also greatly enhanced the effectiveness and eventual use of the television tapes, in terms of their availability for instruction.

The conferences were as follows:

Philosophy and Education: February 20 - 21, 1970

Philosophy and Science: March 5 - 6, 1970

Philosophy and Literature: April 23 - 24, 1970

Philosophy and Law: May 7 - 8, 1970

Philosophy and Mind: May 14 - 15, 1970

The Center for Philosophic Exchange is continuing its program during the 1970-1971 academic year with support from the Rockefeller Foundation. A total of six conferences, similar in format to those reported on in this document, will be held (three each semester). The Center hopes to attract additional supporters for its continuing program, and is attempting to find permanent financial support within the budgetary structure of State University of New York. The Division of Educational Communications at Central Office of State University has arranged for the creation of instructional tapes which draw upon the television archives created by the International Philosophy Year program of 1967-1968 and the continuing program of the Center for Philosophic Exchange. The first instructional tape will be made in February, 1971, with the participation of Professor Brand Blanshard, Sterling Professor Emeritus of Yale University, who will join the Project Director in a television format which draws upon excerpts from available television tapes, on the topic of "The Philosophy of Mind." The eventual use of the television tapes may well become one of the major contributions of the Center's program, not only in ways which serve the intellectual community broadly, but in the detailed instruction which is a part of the program of higher education throughout State University of New York and other universities to which the tapes are made available in the future.

The Center makes the *Annual Proceedings* available to interested persons within the financial limits possible.

Howard E. Kiefer
Center Director

Enclosures:

Two copies of the *Annual Proceedings* dated Summer, 1970
Examples of mailed announcements
Financial Report
Related Correspondence
Summary

BRIEF SUMMARY STATEMENT

The Center for Philosophic Exchange, State University College, Brockport, New York, received a grant (EO-26-70-3735) from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the period June 1, 1969 through May 31, 1970. The period of the grant later was extended to August 31, 1970, to enable completion of the project. The project title was "Program for the Center for Philosophic Exchange". The sum provided was a Gifts and Matching grant of $10,000, with the Center required to find donors for half that amount. Gifts totaling $5,000 were arranged for by the Center, as follows: the Xerox Corporation, $1,000; the Rockefeller Foundation, $2,500; the Lincoln Rochester Trust Company, $500; the Rochester Telephone Corporation, $500; Duryea Motors, Inc., $250; the University Inn of Brockport, $250. The Student Faculty Association acted as a collecting agency for the last four donors mentioned above.

The grant enabled the Center to continue the work of the International Philosophy Year of 1967-1968 by providing funds to support five conferences on philosophy and related topics during 1969-1970. Television tapes and printed proceedings of the five conferences were produced by the Center for distribution. The basic purpose of the program was to bring together members of the academic community and the world of public affairs for deliberative exchange and discussion of problems in order to further the purpose of increasing public understanding and appreciation of the roles that philosophy and the humanities play in matters of ultimate public concern. Each of the five conferences resulted in a major paper, plus two written responses from philosophers, other academicians, or practitioners. Five one-hour television tapes were made which recorded the unrehearsed discussion and exchange among major participants on issues of major concern related to the topic at hand. The printed proceedings (containing fifteen articles) and the five television tapes are available for non-profit instructional use, within limits imposed by the financial resources of the Center.

The five conferences were conducted as described below:

Philosophy and Education: February 20-21, 1970
Henry David Aiken, Sidney Hook, Fred Harcleroad

Philosophy and Science: March 5-6, 1970
Abraham Edel, Max Black, Robert Morison

Philosophy and Literature: April 23-24, 1970
Morris Weitz, S. Marshall Cohen, F. E. Sparshott

Philosophy and Law: May 7-8, 1970
S. Marshall Cohen, Kai Nielsen, Graham Hughes

Philosophy and Mind: May 14-15, 1970
A. J. Ayer, Justus Hartnack, Richard Taylor

Howard E. Kiefer
Center Director

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

September 16, 1970

Dr. Howard E. Kiefer
Director
The Center for Philosophic Exchange
College at Brockport, N. Y. 14420

Dear Dr. Kiefer:

This is in response to your letter of August 31, 1970, in which you request approval for a revised budget for NEH grant EO-26-70-3735. The budget submitted with the letter is acceptable to the Endowment.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert McArthur
Director
Education Programs

cc: Dr. Albert W. Brown
Mr. Dean Collamer
Mr. John A. Pjontek

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OCT 20 1970

National Endowment for the Humanities
1800 G. Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20506

Attn: Barnaby C. Keeney
Chairman

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing the following report of expenditures:

Grant No.: EO-26-70-3735 R.F. No. 22-68-A

Period of Report: June 1, 1970 - August 31, 1970

~~Balance~~:
or
Total Expenditures: $10,000.00

Refunded by Check No.:
Total Expenditures: $10,000.00
Less Cash Received 6,105.09
Cash Due $ 3,894.91

Project Director: Dr. Howard Kiefer
Associate Dean of Humanities

College: State University College
at Brockport
Brockport, New York 14420

Copies Enclosed: Three

Type of Report: Interim ( ) Annual ( ) Preliminary ( )
Final (x) Amended ( )

Amended Due to:

Sincerely,

John F. O'Connor

John F. O'Connor
Comptroller

JFO/hs

cc: Dr. Kiefer
Dr. Nasca

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

GRANT FISCAL REPORT AND CASH REQUEST

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM.

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The Research Foundation of
State University of New York
P. O. Box 7126
Albany, New York 12224

GRANT NO.: EO-26-70-3735
R.F. No. 22-68-A

GRANT AMOUNT: $10,000.00

DATE OF REPORT: August (Month) 31 (Day) 1970 (Year)

TYPE OF REPORT: [ ] INTERIM [X] FINAL

REPORTING PERIOD FOR EXPENDITURES
STARTING: 6 (Month) 1 (Day) 70 (Year) ENDING: 8 (Month) 31 (Day) 70 (Year)

ENDITURES	(FOR NEA USE ONLY) Approved Grant Budget	Changes	Grant Budget	GRANTEE EXPENDITURES Current	Cumulative
laries and Wages (Honoraria)	5,800.00			-0-	5,800.00
[illegible] of direct cost					
pplies and Materials					
avel (Domestic) (Local Arrangements)	679.24			372.16	677.25
ecial					
ther (Printing)	3,520.76			3,522.75	3,522.75
otal Direct (A thru E)				3,894.91	10,000.00
ndirect Costs				-0-	-0-
OTAL COSTS				3,894.91	10,000.00

CASH REQUEST

SOURCES	AMOUNTS
Matching funds received to date	

Funds requested are to cover anticipated expenditures for the period Starting (Month) (Day) (Year) Ending August (Month) 31 (Day) 1970 (Year)

Anticipated expenditures from grant and matching for the above period	$	-0-
Total estimated cash balance on hand at end of current period	$	-0-
Total cash requested from the Fin[illegible] payment	$	3,894.91*

MARKS:

*This is the final payment due upon the termination date which is August 31, 1970.

REEMENT & CERTIFICATION: I/We certify that the foregoing information is true and correct, and that all expenditures were and/or shall be ured solely for the purposes of the above-numbered grant.

THORIZING OFFICIAL: Mr. Robert G. Parr, Treasurer
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nature Robert G. Parr (Date) OCT 20 1970 Telephone AC

OJECT DIRECTOR: Dr. Howard Kiefer, Assoc. Dean of Humanities
me and Title)
nature Howard G. Kiefer (Date) Sept 28, 1970 Telephone AC

ministrative Approval: (FOR NEA USE ONLY)
is request is APPROVED in the amount of $ _____ and is reasonable in view of program accomplishments to date.
me and Title)

nature _____ Grant Period: 12 Total Payments